

# 'Ex-GIs Spend Wisely'

## Educational Aid Check At Issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study sponsored by the Veterans Administration argues that educational benefits under the GI bill should continue to be paid to veterans rather than directly to schools.

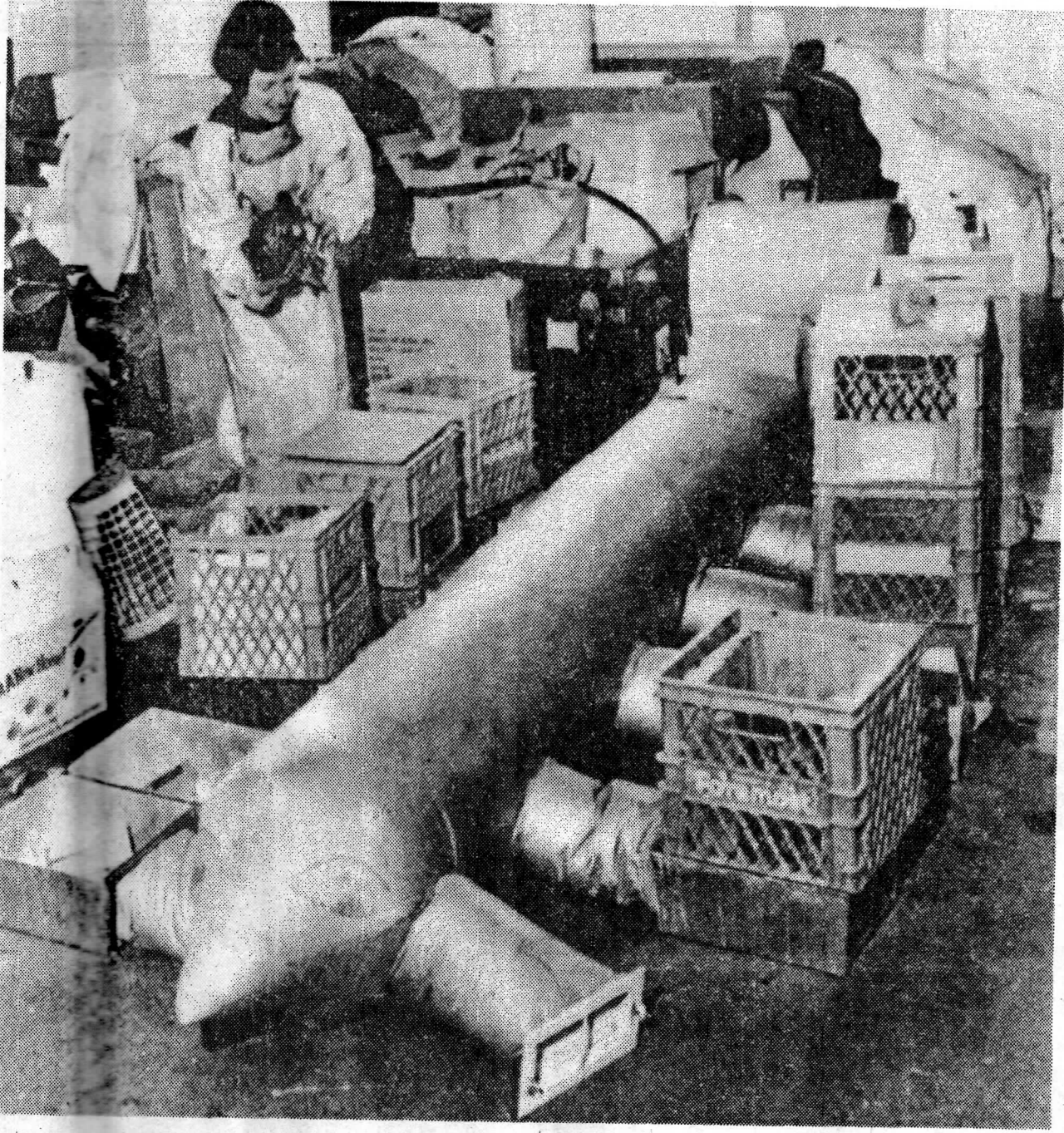
Congress is considering legislation that would require GI education benefits to be paid directly to schools to assure that the money is used for education rather than for unauthorized purposes.

A 223-page Veterans Administration study made by the VA administrator's education and rehabilitation advisory committee headed by William M. Detweiler, a Vietnam veteran and New Orleans attorney. Several of the committee members are educators.

The committee sent questionnaires to 8,000 veterans and dependents going to school under the GI bill. 5,912 sent usable responses which brought the figure that 19 of 20 prefer the present system of providing allowances to veterans directly.

The committee, in recommending that no change be made, said it "has the highest respect for a veteran's right to bargain for the educational institution of his choice and believes that the American taxpayer is the direct beneficiary of the veteran's conscientious spending of our tax dollars."

The committee, while noting that tuition cost was the main factor in selection of school for most, added "Trainees under the GI bill tend to seek the lowest



The nursing alligator comes to the rescue of ducks who were victims of an oil spill last week in the Carquinez Straits north of Berkeley. After having had the oil washed from their feathers, the birds are placed in one of the milk carton cases which line side of

plastic heater tube which resembles an alligator. Jeanie Dillon, a volunteer at the International Bird Rescue Research Center, puts one of the birds in a drying case. After recuperation the ducks are released.

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